IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 19, line 12 to page 21, line 16 with the following:

Fig. 11 is a flowchart showing a process of the information receiving apparatus 2 for acquiring data of the transmission statuses of schedule EPG data indicating program broadcast schedules. At step [[S11]] S30, the system controller 38 reads out the descriptor of EPG data of current and next programs. At step [[S12]] S31, the system controller 38 judges whether the descriptor of the EPG data of current and next programs includes data that indicates the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule. If it is judged that the descriptor of the EPG data of current and next programs includes data that indicates the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule, the process goes to step [[S13]] S32, where a table ID and a version number is read out.

At step [[S14]] S33, the system controller 38 judges whether there exists already acquired data relating to the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule corresponding to the table ID that was read out at step [[S13]] S32. If it is judged that there exists already acquired data relating to the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule, the process goes to step [[S15]] S34. At step [[S15]] S34, the system controller 38 judges whether the version number has been updated by comparing the version number that is included in the already acquired data relating to the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule with the version number read out at step [[S13]] S32. If it is judged that the version number has been updated, the process

goes to step [[S16]] S35, where the system controller 38 reads out the data of the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule and stores it in a prescribed register inside the system controller 38.

If it is judged at step [[S14]] S33 that there is no already acquired data relating to the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule, the process goes to step [[S16]] S35, where the system controller 38 reads out the data of the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule and stores it in a prescribed register inside the system controller 38.

If it is judged at step [[S15]] S34 that the version number has not been updated yet, the process goes to step [[S17]] S36.

At step [[S17]] S36, the system controller 38 judges whether there exists next data that indicates the transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule. If it is judged that there exists next data that indicates a transmission status of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule, the process returns to step [[S13]] S32 to repeat execution of step [[S13]] S32 and the following steps.

If it is judged at step [[S12]] S31 that the descriptor of the EPG data of current and next programs includes no data that indicates a transmission state of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule, the process is finished. If it is judged at step [[S17]] S36 that there exists no next data that indicates a transmission state of schedule EPG data indicating a program broadcast schedule, the process is finished.